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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION

FDD NOTICE
No. 20-54

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Subject: Basic Exploitation Program for Western Europe

A. General

1. The following Basic Exploitation Program for Western Europe is effective this date. The program consists of one monthly information report on Western Europe, a weekly index of "La Stampa" and "La Stampa - Sera," and the collation of statistics and maintenance of file on Italian shop steward elections.

2. The following personnel are responsible for compiling information received, maintaining branch and division schedules, and receiving information from other branches of the division for the reports as indicated, when applicable.

Monthly Information Report on Western Europe -

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Weekly Index of "La Stampa" and "La Stampa-Sera" -

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Collation of Statistics and Maintenance of File on Italian Shop Steward Elections

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The Chief of the Western World Branch will designate alternates for the above personnel as required.

3. Generally, items presented in the Monthly Information Report on Western Europe represent full exploitation, in approximately 125 words or less. Exceptions will be indicated by bracketed notes on the nature of the information omitted.

4. Information on subject categories covered in the FDD Selected Briefs from the International Press will not be included in the reports published under the Basic Exploitation Program for Western Europe.

5. The schedule of reporting will be maintained as indicated.

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B. Program

1. Monthly Information Report on Western Europe

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The following report will be issued in the FDD Summary series, in press style, consisting of summaries of information in newspapers, periodicals, and monographs. A list of sources will be maintained by DW. The classification of this report will be "CONFIDENTIAL."

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This report will contain information in the following categories on Finland, Scandinavia, West Germany, Benelux, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, by countries.

a. Foreign affairs

- (1) Position of public leaders and private groups on the European integration movement
- (2) West Germany's development in foreign relations (expansion of diplomatic representation; foreign policy with respect to areas of intensive trade efforts, such as Latin America, the Near and Middle East)
- (3) Spain's objective in Europe, Latin America, and Arab countries and its role in the Hispanidad and Mozarabidad.
- (4) Important articles in responsible publications on any aspect of US-Portuguese relations

b. Internal affairs

- (1) Calendar of the French National Assembly
- (2) Announcements of French government decrees
- (3) French public polls
- (4) Activities of North African nationalist groups in France
- (5) Political and sociological developments of the new armed forces in West Germany
- (6) Local elections in West-German states and Austrian provinces (only from local West-German and Austrian newspapers respectively)
- (7) Ecclesia comments pointing up the Catholic Church's disagreement with Franco government policies

c. Organized labor activities

- (1) Policies, political action, strikes, petitions, educational program, strength, leadership, and finances of trade unions in Finland
- (2) Cooperation between Communist, Socialist, and Catholic labor unions in France

d. Biographic information: Only diplomatic personnel changes of France and Benelux

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e. Military

- (1) Command changes and unit moves (army only) for Finland, Scandinavia, Benelux, France, Italy, and Portugal
- (2) Biographic sketches concerning army officers of field grade and above as well as promising lower-grade officers for Finland, Scandinavia, Benelux, France, Italy and Portugal
- (3) Reaction to NATO activities appearing in provincial newspapers and newspapers published in Oslo, Fontainebleau, and Naples
- (4) Graphic data on military installations in Scandinavia and Finland
- (5) Arms production and inventories in Sweden

f. Economic

- (1) Telecommunications
- (2) Agreements and developments in international civil air transport
- (3) Specific industrial information on industries or processors whose products remain under control for export to the Soviet bloc (telecommunications and shipbuilding only); specifications of West-German chemical and petroleum processing machinery
- (4) Specific financial information (domestic and foreign sales of precious metals; French investments in overseas territories including French North Africa, West-German investors operating in Near East and Far East; development of West-German commercial banks since 1948 and the Federal Bank of Issue)

- g. Geographic information: escape and evasion data particularly
- (1) border data (crossings, boundaries, demarcations); and
 - (2) regulations covering entry and use of forests, preserves, and state lands.

Schedule: To BR at 0900 on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. (To begin 15 December 1954)

2. Weekly Index of "La Stampa" and "La Stampa-Sera"

This report, which will be issued in the FDD ☐ series, will index the content of La Stampa, a Turin morning newspaper published daily except Monday, and La Stampa-Sera, published Monday afternoon in Turin. The index

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will list selected articles dealing with events of national and international importance, grouped under the major categories: political, domestic; foreign affairs; and economic, military, scientific, and sociological. It will not include articles by foreign correspondents. This report will be unclassified and marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."

Schedule: To BR at 0900 every Thursday.

3. Collation of Statistics and Maintenance of File on Italian Shop Steward Elections

Italian shop steward election returns will be entered on cards by industrial enterprises and a card file will be maintained. Analysis will be made periodically in accordance with ad hoc requests.

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